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Government and all the health agencies of various levels in the Northwest treated nearly 450,000 members of minority nationality groups from October 1950 to June 1951. They also vaccinated 200,000 people against smallpox and inoculated 108,000 people against other diseases.

"Trade and medical teams not only have their specific functions to perform, but they are also the political propagandists, organizers, and the political working teams for the Communist Party and the Central People's Government. For instance, the Tu-lan Hsien, in Tsinghai, the mobile trading team organized by the Tu-lan Branch of the State Trading Company not only completed its trade activities in Chu-ma-lai, but also it publicized the minority nationality policy, the tax collection policy, and the Resist America, Aid Korea ideology which elevated the political consciousness of the masses.

"Sometimes work among the minority nationalities requires individual trade and medical teams to assume dual functions. Therefore, while a trade team sells its merchandise, it should be ready to treat the sick; and while it conducts propaganda, it should be prepared to organize politically the minority nationalities. This is a very good way to launch mass work in nomadic livestock-farming areas. However, the political cadres have not emphasized the successful experiences of the above type of work, and, therefore, the strength of these mobile trade and medical teams has not been fully utilized to promote this kind of activity. Hereafter, under the united leadership of all levels of the people's governments and agencies concerned, all available public and private resources must be coordinated to further this work."

SOUTHWEST CHINA

The Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao, on 11 February 1952, carried important parts of the report of Wang Wei-chou, chairman of the Nationalities Affairs Committee of the Southwest China Military and Administrative Committee in which the following highlights of the medical and health work were given:

"More than 160 health centers and stations have been restored or established in all the minority nationality areas and 29 mobile medical teams have been organized. These medical teams have provided medical treatment to the masses gratis or at reduced fees. The Tibetan Autonomous Region in Sikang, with the support of the Central People's Government, eliminated rinderpest which had infected an area of 2,000 li in circumference and treated or examined 20,000 head of cattle and horses as a preventive measure against epizootic diseases."

CENTRAL-SOUTH CHINA

Only a very sketchy review on the progress of medical and health work among the minority nationalities in the Central-South China region was incorporated in the report of Chang Chih-i, chairman of the Nationalities Affairs Committee of the Central-South China Military and Administrative Committee.

Pertinent portions of Chang's report published in the Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao on 18 February 1952, regarding health and medical work said:

"In the field of health work, organs have been established, and medical treatment teams have been sent out to the field while epidemic prevention teams have carried on their work in the minority nationality areas. Some localities

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have carried on epizootic prevention and treatment work. During their visit, the Central People's Government Mission and the West Hunan Mission extended medical treatment, carried on short-term health training classes and gave some medical supplies to the minority nationalities.

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